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Sheriffs the Residue of their Imprisonment Fees. Provided, That Liber H. S. the said Sheriffs shall not prosecute, detain, or imprison, the said Prisoners, or any of them, within Three Years after their Releasement; any Thing contained in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That whatever Estate, whether Real or Personal, any of the Prisoners aforesaid shall surrender or give up to any of the Sheriffs, in whose Custody they are or shall be at the Time of their or any of their Discharges, shall, by the Sheriff or Sheriffs in whose Custody such Prisoner or Prisoners shall be, in the Presence of one Magistrate of the particular County where such Prisoner shall be discharged, be exposed to public Sale, and Sold to the highest Bidder; and that after the same be done, and the Sheriff or Sheriffs are paid, or secured to be paid, their Fees, the Residue shall be applied to the Creditors of such Prisoner or Prisoners that shall apply therefor, within Thirty Days after the said Sale, in equal Proportion to their Demands.

[The Prisoners Effects to be sold by the Sheriffs.]

And be it further Enacted, That all such Accounts, Bonds, Notes, or other Demands, any of the said Prisoners have against any Person or Persons whatsoever, be by the said Prisoner or Prisoners assigned to the Sheriff, in whose Custody such Prisoner or Prisoners shall be or are at the Time of their Discharge; and that such Sheriff or Sheriffs shall and may maintain an Action or Actions on such Demands, as Assignee of such Prisoner or Prisoners, in his own Name. Provided always, That such Creditor or Creditors demand of such Sheriff to sue, and give to such Sheriff a Bond to indemnify him against any Charge that may accrue to such Sheriff by Means of Suing; and in Case of Recovery, that then the Sheriff make Distribution of what shall be recovered to the Person or Persons giving him such Security as aforesaid.

[Bonds, &c. belonging to the Prisoners to be assigned to the Sheriff.]

6th May 1757 Read and assented to by the Lower house of assembly Signed p order MMacnemara Cl lo ho

On behalf of the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province I will this be a Law Hor.º Sharpe

6th May 1757 Read and assented to by the Upper house of assembly Signed p order JRoss Cl Up Ho

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No. 16 An Act for the speedy Payment of sundry Persons therein mentioned.

> Whereas Accounts of Disbursements have been produced to this [Preamble.] General Assembly by Dr. David Ross, Samuel Chapman, Andrew Staiger, William Nicholson, Nicholas Rogers, Daniel Barnett, John Ridgely, Robert Tives, James Richard, Frederick Freeman, Anne